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SUBJ: KEY ISSUES AT 29TH UNGA

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1. KEY ISSUES EXPECTED TO ARISE AT THE 29TH UNGA WERE DISCUSSED BY THE CHARGE ON SEPTEMBER 10 WITH AMBASSADOR ATTARD KINGSWELL, MALTESE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, AND THOMAS SAMMUT, ACTING SECRETARY OF GOM MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR ATTARD KINGSWELL GENERALLY WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON MOST OF THE ISSUES RAISED, HE DID EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING OF THE U.S. POSITIONS WHICH WERE OUTLINED TO HIM, PARTICULARLY ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

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3. ON FINANCIAL ISSUES, INCLUDING UNRWA, THE BIENNIAL BUDGET, AND PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES, ATTARD KINGSWELL STATED THAT MALTA WOULD SUPPORT "RESPONSIBLE APPROACHES" TO THESE PROBLEMS, WHILE ADDING THAT THE MAJOR MEMBERS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS AREA.

4. KOREAN ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH, AND ATTARD KINGSWELL WAS GIVEN COPY OF US-SPONSORED DRAFT RESOLUTION OF SEPTEMBER 3 ON THIS SUBJECT. ACCORDING TO ATTARD KINGSWELL, GOM'S BASIC POSITION IS THAT ALL "FOREIGN TROOPS" SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM KOREA, AND THE KOREANS LEFT TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS FOR THEMSELVES. WHEN REMINDED THAT SUCH A POSITION WAS COMPLETELY UNREALISTIC AND DOUBTLESS WOULD MEAN A REPETITION OF THE KOREAN WAR, ATTARD KINGSWELL ONLY REPLIED THAT GOM FELT IT WAS TIME FOR A CHANGE IN THE KOREAN STALEMATE.

5. QUESTION OF KHMER CREDENTIALS ALSO WAS FULLY REVIEWED WITH ATTARD KINGSWELL, AND THE SECRETARY'S STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT EMPHASIZED. AFTER LISTENING TO PRESENTATION OF U.S. POSITION, ATTARD KINGSWELL RESPONDED THAT GOM FELT THERE HAD BEEN NO IMPROVEMENT IN CAMBODIAN SITUATION SINCE LAST UNGA AND THOUGHT IT WAS TIME FOR SOME UN ACTION TO ENCOURAGE PEACE IN THE AREA. WITH REGARD TO CREDENTIALS ISSUE ALONE, ATTARD KINGSWELL OFFERED THE OPINION THAT PERHAPS THE CAMBODIANS AND THEIR ASIAN FRIENDS MIGHT FIND A COMPROMISE SOLUTION WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER UN MEMBERS.

6. COMMENT: IT IS THE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT THAT MALTA GENERALLY WILL FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AT THE UNGA, BUT THAT MALTA WILL NOT BE IN THE FOREFRONT ON ISSUES SUCH AS KOREA OR CAMBODIA. AMBASSADOR ATTARD KINGSWELL DOES NOT EXPECT TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK UNTIL ABOUT SEPTEMBER 25, DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS. UNTIL HIS ARRIVAL, THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE GOM PERMANENT MISSION IN NEW YORK WILL HEAD THE MALTESE DELEGATION. WIGGINS

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